

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the application is in condition for allowance except for informalities contained in Claims 1, 9 and 19.

The Examiner stated that “a number, P=LM-N” as recited in Claims 1, 9 and 19 is not clearly defined. The Examiner suggested that this clause be changed to read “an integer P that is equal to LM-N”. Claims 1, 9 and 19 have been amended to read as the Examiner has suggested.

In addition Claim 24 has been amended to properly depend from Claim 19.

Finally, two minor amendments are made to the specification. First, on page 10, line 10 “12 and 13” is changed to “15 and 16”. Second, on page 16, line 14 “k mod(?) 3” has been changed to read “k mod 3”. No new matter has been added by either modification.

Independent Claims 1, 9 and 19 are believed to be in condition for allowance. Without conceding the patentability per se of dependent Claims 2-8, 10-18 and 20-24, these are likewise believed to be allowable by virtue of their dependence on their respective amended independent claims.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1-24, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicants' attorney at the number given below.

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